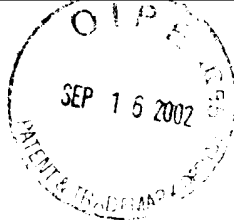


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2. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in 10, characterized in that the elevated temperature is between 300°C and 600°C.

10. (Amended) A method for labeling a sample container, comprising the steps of:

- providing a container for holding a sample to be analyzed;
- elevating a temperature of the container to an elevated temperature above a sample analysis temperature, which is greater than ambient temperature; and
- applying container identification to the container at the elevated temperature.